- (b) free of contaminating arsenite; and
- (c) homogenous as to the heavy chain C-terminal amino acid residue.

Please add new claims 30-37.

- 30. (New) A composition comprising F(ab')<sub>2</sub> produced by:
- (A) expressing an immunoglobulin presequence comprising a first Fab' in a microbial host cell culture under conditions suitable for the secretion of said first Fab' to the periplasmic space of the host cell and formation of Fab'-SH, said first Fab' being capable of binding a first epitope;
- (B) expressing an immunoglobulin presequence comprising a second Fab' in a microbial host cell culture under conditions suitable for the secretion of said second Fab' to the periplasmic space of the host cell and formation of Fab'-SH, said second Fab' being capable of binding a second epitope;



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- (C) recovering said first and second Fab'-SH from said host cells; and
- (D) forming a covalent bond between a free thiol cysteinyl residue of said first and second Fab'-SH to form bivalent F(ab')<sub>2</sub>.
- 31. (New) The composition of claim 30, wherein step (D) comprises forming said covalent bond in vitro.
- 32. (New) The composition of claim 31, wherein step (D) comprises:
- (a) reacting the first Fab'-SH with (i) 5,5'-dithiobis (2-nitrobenzoic acid) (DTNB) to form a thionitrobenzoate derivative Fab'-TNB or (ii) a bifunctional maleimide;
- (b) directly coupling said first Fab'-TNB or maleimidated Fab' to the second Fab'-SH to form a F(ab')2; and
  - (c) recovering said F(ab')2.

- 33. (New) The composition of claim 30, wherein the  $F(ab')_2$  is bispecific.
- 34. (New) The composition of claim 30, wherein the  $F(ab')_2$  is monospecific.
- 35. (New) The composition of claim 30, wherein each Fab' of the F(ab')<sub>2</sub> has only one hinge region cysteine.
- 36. (New) The composition of claim 30 which is:
- (a) substantially free of F(ab')<sub>2</sub> having hinge region intrachain disulfide bonds;
- (b) substantially free of contaminating arsenite; and
- (c) substantially homogenous as to the heavy chain C-terminal amino acid residue.
- 37. (New) The composition of claim 30, wherein each Fab' comprises the C-terminal amino acid sequence Cys Ala Ala.